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Shire of Kalamunda

# General Services Committee

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Minutes for 6 February 2006



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## SHIRE OF KALAMUNDA

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Minutes of General Services Committee  
 held in the Council Chambers,  
 2 Railway Road, Kalamunda  
 Monday, 6 February 2006

1.0 OFFICIAL OPENING

1.1 The Chairman opened the Meeting at 7 pm and welcomed Councillors staff and members of the public gallery.

2.0 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

2.1 PRESENT

**Councillors**

E Taylor	(SHIRE PRESIDENT) NORTH WARD
S Blair	NORTH WARD
N Sadler	(CHAIRPERSON) SOUTH WEST WARD
D Sadler	SOUTH WEST WARD
A Morton	SOUTH WEST WARD
P Tonkin	SOUTH WARD
J Giardina	SOUTH WARD
S Bilich	SOUTH WARD
M Casey	NORTH WEST WARD
M Cresswell	NORTH WEST WARD
J Winterhalder	EAST WARD

**Officials**

D Vaughan	CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
G Parslow	EXECUTIVE MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES
K O'Connor	EXECUTIVE MANAGER COMMUNITY SERVICES
S Burrows	EXECUTIVE MANAGER PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
M Singh	EXECUTIVE MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES
B Millan	EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT
M Garde	MANAGER FINANCIAL SERVICE
R Briede	MANAGER LIBRARY SERVICE
J Smith	MANAGER HEALTH SERVICE
F Lund	MINUTE SECRETARY

**Apologies**

D McKechnie	NORTH WARD
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**Observers** Nil

**Newspapers** Echo Hills Gazette

3.0 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A period of not less than 15 minutes is provided to allow questions from the gallery on matters relating to the functions of this Committee. For the purposes of Minuting, these questions and answers are summarised.

- 3.1 **Residents of Pickering Brook**. Requested immediate attention to maintenance and upgrade requirements for the Shire land adjacent to the Pickering Brook Primary School, including the tennis courts and carpark. The Chairperson advised the resident that the petition raising these matters, which will be tabled at this meeting, will be dealt with accordingly.

4.0 PETITIONS

4.1 **Residents of The Boulevard**

Upgrade of the Lake at Corner of Hale Road and Gillings Parade, Wattle Grove.

4.2 **Residents of Pickering Brook**

Upgrade of Shire land adjacent to Pickering Brook Primary School, including the tennis courts and carpark.

5.0 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

- 5.1 That the Minutes of the General Services Committee Meeting held on 5 December 2005 is confirmed as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

Moved: (Cr Taylor)

Seconded: (Cr Winterhalder)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

6.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE PERSON PRESIDING WITHOUT DISCUSSION

- 6.1 The Chairperson announced that the Annual General Meeting of Electors will be held on 7 February, commencing at 7pm, which will be held in the Function Room of the Shire's Administration Building.

7.0 MATTERS FOR WHICH MEETING MAY BE CLOSED

- 7.1 Compensation Claim – Land Acquisition Maida Vale Road, Maida Vale – Refer Item 15.

8.0 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Disclosure of Financial and Proximity Interests

- (a) Members must disclose the nature of their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting. (Sections 5.60B and 5.65 of the Local Government Act 1995)
- (b) Employees must disclose the nature of their interest in reports or advice when giving the report or advice to the meeting. (Sections 5.70 and 5.71 of the Local Government Act 1995).

#### Disclosure of Interest Affecting Impartiality

- (a) Members and staff must disclose their interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting in respect of which the member or employee has given or will give advice.

Nil

## 9.0 REPORT TO COUNCIL

### **Please Note:**

Strategic and Policy related items are bolded and will be dealt with as the first items of business.

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## REPORTS

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1. Creditors Accounts Paid - December 2005 and January 2006 (FI-CRS-002) (Corporate Services)

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To receive creditors' accounts paid for the months of December 2005 and January 2006.

### **Background**

2. It is a requirement of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996 (Regulation 12) that a list of Creditors Accounts Paid be compiled for each month.
3. This list is required to show the payee's name, amount of payment, provide sufficient information to identify the transaction and the date of the meeting of Council to which it is to be presented.

### **Comments**

4. Accordingly, the list of Creditors Paid from 1 December 2005 to 20 January 2006 is attached ([Attachment 1](#)).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 1/2006

1. That the list of Creditors Paid from 1 December 2005 to 20 January 2006 as per ([Attachment 1](#)) be received by Council in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 12 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996.

Moved: (Cr Taylor)

Seconded: (Cr D Sadler)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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2. Financial Statements Months Ending 30 November 2005 and 31 December 2005  
(FI-SRR-006) (Corporate Services)

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To receive financial statements and operating statements.

### **Background**

2. Attached ([Attachment 1 & 2](#)) is the summary of the financial statements for the periods ending 30 November 2005 and 31 December 2005.
3. In accordance with Section 34 of the Local Government (Financial Management) Regulations 1996, operating statements ([Attachments 3 & 4](#)) are included for the same periods.

### **Comments**

4. Nil

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 2/2006

1. That the financial statements and the accompanying operating statements for the period ending 30 November 2005 and 31 December 2005 be received.

Moved: (Cr Blair)

Seconded: (Cr Winterhalder)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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Declaration of financial/conflict of interests to be recorded prior to dealing with each item

3. Kalamunda Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade - Request to Retain Reconnaissance/Support Vehicle

### Purpose of Report

1. To consider a request from the Kalamunda Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade (KVBF) to retain one reconnaissance/support vehicle for use by the Brigade.

### Background

2. In September 2004 Council considered a proposal from the KVBF in regard to the retention of one reconnaissance/support vehicle (from a fleet of two) that Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) had not designated as a dedicated fire appliance and consequently would not cover by the funding provisions of the Emergency Services Levy (ESL).
3. Council resolved, (CEO's Report to Council of 20 September 2004 – item 9.4.6) as follows:
  1. *That Council, on behalf of the Kalamunda Volunteer Bushfire Brigade make representations to the State Government to have reconnaissance/support vehicles designated as dedicated fire appliances and included in ESL funding allocations for both operating grants and capital replacement grants.*
  2. *That Council agrees to allocate vehicle 0405 1985 Toyota utility to the Kalamunda Volunteer Bushfire Brigade with the unbudgeted operating costs to be funded from the proceeds of the sale of vehicle 0402 1984 Toyota utility.*
  3. *That this arrangement be for the duration of the 2004/05 fire season and that further discussion take place to determine a more equitable long term solution.*

### Comments

4. In regard to the implementation of this decision the following has taken place.
  - A letter was forwarded to FESA as agreed. This communication had no effect in regard to the ESL funding of reconnaissance/support vehicles.
  - Vehicle fleet number 0405 was retained for the 2004/05 fire season with an operating cost of \$2,650 for the year. (It is to be noted that the vehicle was also used for Council purposes during this period.)
  - Vehicle fleet number 0402 was sold with net proceeds being \$3,137.
  - Staff and Brigade officials met in October 2005 to discuss options for the future.
5. Arising from this meeting the Brigade have lodged a request that can be summarised as follows:
  - That Council commit to the provision of funds to cover the recurrent operating costs of the existing vehicle (1985 Toyota Landcruiser utility)

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- That this vehicle be retained until such time as the Senior Ranger's (Chief Bush Fire Control Officer) vehicle is due for replacement and at that time the vehicles be swapped. i.e. The Senior Ranger's vehicle be provided to the KVFBF as a reconnaissance/support vehicle and the old vehicle traded-in.
  - That in future years the same occurs. i.e. the Senior Rangers vehicle be held for a total of eight years. i.e. four years in the Rangers fleet, four years as a reconnaissance/support vehicle, with ongoing replacement to occur on this basis.
  - That Council covers the operating cost on an ongoing basis of the reconnaissance/support vehicle.
6. The cost implications of this proposal would be:
- An ongoing annual operating cost estimated at \$2,700 to \$3,000 per annum.
  - A reduction in value of the vehicle asset trade-in. i.e. likely to be around \$11,500 in year one and \$10,000 once every four years for future replacements.
7. The Brigade considers that the provision of this vehicle is a critical component of its overall fire fighting role and note that the vehicle is used for some Shire functions such as fire hazard inspections etc.
8. FESA however reiterate that support vehicles are not designated as dedicated fire fighting vehicles and are not funded from ESL sources either from an operating or replacement perspective.
9. If Council were to fund the proposal it would clearly be a case of cost shifting to local government. The ratepayers of the Shire of Kalamunda contributed in excess of \$2.2 Million in ESL in the current financial year and it seems unequitable that they should contribute further to emergency services by way of Municipal funding.
10. In the longer term it is likely/possible that FESA would take over all Volunteer Bushfire Brigade operations and fund and equip them accordingly.
11. It is acknowledged that future budgetary provision may need to be made for occasional vehicle and/or support services required by Councils' fire protection crew and fire hazard inspection programme.
12. Members are reminded that the Bush Fire Brigade gazetted area covers a relatively small area mainly of the East Ward of the Shire. Gazetted districts within the Shire are as follows:
- i. Permanent FESA Brigades – Foothills Area.
  - ii. Volunteer FESA Town Brigade – Kalamunda townsite and residential areas of the scarp.
  - iii. Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade – Carmel, Bickley, Pickering Brook, Piesse Brook, Paulls Valley, Hacketts Gully, Canning Mills, part of Walliston.
- This area includes the State Forest and National Park areas where the Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade is the first response for fires in the areas.
13. It is noted that there may currently be funds available from the Federal and Local Grants scheme to provide a vehicle however, if these grant funds were successfully accessed they would not cover on going operating costs or future vehicle replacement

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14. **Jamie O'Neil and Mike Lennon, members of the Kalamunda Volunteer Bush Fire Brigade, reported that the support vehicle is vital to the ongoing safe operation of the brigade during fire fighting, as use of the support vehicle when crews are changing shifts during a fire, ensures that an operational unit is not being taken from the fire ground. Additionally, the support vehicle provides air support direction during a fire. They added that when not in use by the Fire Brigade, the support vehicle is available to the SES and the Shire of Kalamunda. The vehicle is a multi use vehicle and a Shire asset.**
  15. **Councillors asked if FESA provides funding for support vehicles. The meeting was informed that FESA provided funding for fire suppression units only, which does not include support vehicles.**

## RECOMMENDATION

GS 3/2006

1. That in view of Councils' reluctance to fund emergency services operations that should be funded from the Emergency Services Levy, the retention and funding of the remaining reconnaissance/support vehicle (Fleet No 0405) is not supported and that the vehicle be disposed of accordingly
2. That the matter be again drawn to the attention of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority with a request that their decision be reviewed.

Moved: (Cr D Sadler)

**There being no Seconder the Motion lapsed.**

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 3/2006

1. **That the reconnaissance/support vehicle (Fleet No 0405) be retained for Brigade/Council usage and that ongoing operating costs be included in Council's Motor vehicle fleet budget.**
2. **That the operating costs of Fleet No 0405 in 2005/2006 (estimated at \$2,700 to \$3,000) be authorised as unbudgeted expenditure.**
3. **That an application be lodged under the Federal Local Grants Scheme for funding to replace this vehicle.**
4. **Should this application be unsuccessful, Fleet No 0405 to be replaced by the Senior Ranger's vehicle (Dual cab 4WD Utility Fleet No 0289) when the latter becomes due for replacement, in accordance with Council Policy. (estimated to be late 2008.)**
5. **That the matter be again drawn to the attention of the Fire and Emergency Services Authority, with a request that their decision be reviewed.**

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**Moved: (Cr Tonkin)**

**Seconded: (Cr Blair)**

**FOR:**

**AGAINST:**

**Cr Taylor  
Cr Blair  
Cr N Sadler  
Cr Morton  
Cr Tonkin  
Cr Giardina  
Cr Bilich  
Cr Casey  
Cr Cresswell  
Cr Winterhalder**

**Cr D Sadler**

**ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

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4. 2006/2007 Budget Programme  
(FI-BUD-009) (Corporate Services)

### Purpose of Report

1. To consider the programme for the setting of the 2006/2007 Budget.

### Background

2. The setting of the Municipal Budget is one of the most significant decision making processes for Council to address on an annual basis. Accordingly, at this stage in the financial year it is appropriate to consider strategies and procedures for setting the 2006/2007 Budget.

### Comments

3. It is proposed to follow a programme similar to last year with Budget adoption being incorporated into the July Ordinary Council Meeting.
4. The following program is proposed:

Part (a)

February 2006	- Distribution of Recurrent proformas to Executive Managers
March 2006	- Recurrent Operations Review (rolling programme)
	- Commencement of period of Budget discussions regarding major issues priorities and strategies. Ensure alignment with Draft Plan for the Future of the District.
	- Closing date for Non-Recurrent submissions (31 March)
April 2006	- Recurrent proformas to be completed by Executive Managers
	- Executive Management Committee consideration of 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft Non-Recurrent proposals (commence prioritisation)
	- Distribution of 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft Non-Recurrent proposals to Councillors
	- Executive Management Committee consideration of 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft Recurrent proposals

May 2006	- Distribution of 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft Recurrent proposals to Councillors
	- Executive Management Committee consideration of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft Non-Recurrent (prioritised)
	- Councillors Forum (to be confirmed)
	- Informal publicity period to continue progressively throughout the Budget programme
	- Executive Management Committee consideration 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft Recurrent, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Draft Non-Recurrent, Staff Establishment

5. The above programme (a) is for internal management purposes and may be subject to minor variation.

6. Part (b)

Wednesday 7 June 2006	- Councillors Forum. To consider 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft composite Budget.
Monday 19 June 2006	- Ordinary Council Meeting to consider endorsement of Draft Budget for release for public comment.
Monday 26 June 2006	- Commencement of 14 day public comment period: - Notices to be placed in local press advising that details of Budget proposals are available for inspection and inviting comment. - Specific advice forwarded to Community Groups providing a summary of Budget proposals and inviting comment.
Monday 10 July 2006	- Conclusion of public comment period
Monday 17 July 2006	- Formal Adoption of 2006/07 Budget incorporated in July Ordinary Council Meeting

7. Part (b), the closing dates for public submissions and the Council timetable will be advertised in the local press to make the community aware of the proposed programme for the setting of the Budget.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 4/2006

1. That Council endorse a programme, similar to last year, for the setting of the 2006/2007 Budget as follows:

## Part (a)

February 2006	- Distribution of Recurrent proformas to Executive Managers
March 2006	- Recurrent Operations Review (rolling programme)
	- Commencement of period of Budget discussions regarding major issues priorities and strategies. Ensure alignment with Draft Plan for the Future of the District.
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May 2006	- Distribution of 1 <sup>st</sup> Draft Recurrent proposals to Councillors
	- Executive Management Committee consideration of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Draft Non-Recurrent (prioritised)
	- Councillors Forum (to be confirmed)
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Moved: (Cr Taylor)

Seconded: (Cr Casey)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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5. Audit Committee - Meeting 12 December 2005  
(FI-AUD-003) (Corporate Services)

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To report to Council on the outcomes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 12 December 2005.

### **Background**

2. The Terms of Reference state that the Audit Committee will report through an open Committee, General Services Committee, to Council.

### **Comments**

3. In accordance with this requirement the minutes of the 12 December 2005 meeting of the Audit Committee are attached ([Attachment 1](#)).
4. The following items of business were dealt with :
- Interim Audit Visit – year Ended 30 June 2005;
  - Annual Report 2004/2005;
  - Payment of Kalamunda Chamber of Commerce;
  - Purchase of Goods and Services by Petty Cash.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 5/2006

1. That Council note and endorse the actions arising from the minutes of the 12 December 2005 meeting of the Audit Committee.

Moved: (Cr Winterhalder)

Seconded: (Cr Casey)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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6. Mid Year Budget Review 2005/2006  
(FI-BUD-001) (Corporate Services)

### Purpose of Report

1. To apprise Council of the estimated unrestricted cash position of Council's Municipal Fund at 30 June 2006.

### Background

2. A review of the estimated position of unrestricted cash in Council's Municipal Fund at 30 June 2006 in comparison with the 2005/2006 Budget has been completed.

### Comments

3. A summary of major variances as detailed in ([Attachment 1](#)) follows:

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• Income in Excess of Budget	376,500
• Expenditure Under Budget	109,000
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Total	485,500
<u>Less</u>	
• Income Under Budget	43,900
• Expenditure in Excess of Budget	285,500
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Total Surplus (Deficit) 2005/2006	156,100
<u>Add</u>	
Costing adjustment to 2004/2005 Works Program - amount collected from developers – Forrestfield Industrial Area, Dundas Road	182,000
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Total	<u><u>338,100</u></u>

4. The above indicates that if actual performance follows that predicted, Council will have an operational surplus at 30 June 2006 of \$338,100 as unrestricted cash in the Municipal Fund.

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 6/2006

1. That Council notes the estimated unrestricted cash surplus in the Municipal Fund at 30 June 2006 of \$338,100.
2. That the amount of \$182,000 arising from an adjustment to costing of the 2004/2005 Works Programme be transferred to the Building Construction Reserve Account by the end of February 2006.
3. That the balance of surplus funds be held in the Municipal Fund until the end of the financial year.
4. That any such unrestricted cash surplus remaining in the Municipal Fund at the financial year end be transferred to Building Construction Reserve.

Moved: (Cr Taylor)

Seconded: (Cr Winterhalder)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

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## 7. Planning For The Future Of The District (OR-ELM-007) (Corporate Services)

### **Purpose of Report**

1. For Council to endorse the first Draft of the Plan for the Future of the District 2006-2011 prior to commencement of the community consultation strategy.

### **Background**

2. Council endorsed the proposal for the compilation of the Plan for the Future of the District, including a proposed time frame, in September 2005. (Refer GS 86/2005 – OCM 19 September 2005)
3. The proposal included a number of meetings with staff and full day planning workshop for councillors and executive staff which was held on Saturday 26 November 2005.
4. The resulting draft of the Plan for the Future of the District was distributed to councillors on 22 December 2005 with advice that the draft plan would be presented to the February 2006 meeting round and the community consultation strategy addressed at that stage.

### **Comments**

5. The Draft Plan has been completed by the marketing consultants ([Attachment 1](#)) and is ready to be released following Council endorsement.
6. The next phase of the preparation of the Plan is the community consultation strategy.

The following strategy is proposed in order to gain community feedback on the Draft Plan for the Future of the District.

#### Community Forums

- Two community forums to be held early March 2006 (dates and start time to be decided). Each forum to be in the evening and last approximately two (2) hours. One forum to be held at Forrestfield and one at Kalamunda.
- The forums to be promoted as follows:
  - A general invitation placed in the local newspaper.
  - Flyers advertising the forums placed at the Shire Office and Council libraries, community centres, etc.
  - Letters of invitation sent to all community groups and business associations.
  - 100 ratepayers to be randomly selected from the property database and sent personal invitations.
  - Advertised on the Shire website.

- All promotion will indicate that the draft plan is available on the shire website or via the Shire office.

These promotional activities should occur during the week of the 13 February 2006 and aim to achieve wide awareness of the events and a good cross section of participants.

- RSVPs will be requested for all intending to participate in the forums. This not only assists in planning for the sessions, but tends to motivate those who have responded to actually attend on the night.
- Light refreshments to be available for participants on arrival.
- A record will be kept of participants (via a sign-in sheet at the door – which can be pre-prepared from RSVPs). Name, address, and community group represented (where applicable) should be recorded.
- The forums to be facilitated in such a way as to focus on the content of the Draft Plan rather than individual ratepayer concerns. It will be emphasised that the aim is to gather feedback for consideration by Council, not to make decisions on the night.
- Councillors would be welcome to attend the forums, but should take a role as observers only during the conduct of the session. The Shire President should introduce each session and welcome participants.

#### Written Feedback

- All promotion and invitations will indicate that written feedback is welcome and should be provided by Friday 10 March 2006.

#### Analysis

- Consultant to prepare a report of feedback received for review at a meeting with the Executive. At this meeting recommendations will be developed for consideration by Council

#### COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 7/2006

1. That Council endorses the Draft Plan for the Future of the District 2006-2011 ([Attachment 1](#)) for release for community consultation.
2. That Council endorses the community consultation strategy as outlined in Paragraph 6 in the above report.

Moved: (Cr Taylor)

Seconded: (Cr Bilich)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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8. Tender for the Supply & Delivery of 9 Tonne Two Way Tip Truck  
(TEN/TO516) (Engineering Services)  
Refer Item:  
Applicant:  
Owner:

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider awarding the Tender for the Supply and Delivery of a 9 Tonne Two Way Tip Truck.

### **Background**

2. The Tender for the Supply and Delivery of a 9 Tonne Two Way Tip Truck, T0516, included in the Shire's plant replacement budget allocation, closed on 19 December 2005.
3. The Tender called for the supply and delivery of a 9 Tonne Two Way Tip Truck and the trade-in of the existing 9 tonne truck.
4. Eight (8) Tenders were received, which include a Tender for the purchase only of the existing truck. A summary of the suppliers and specifications are included at [\*\(Attachment 1.\)\*](#)
5. The Shire of Kalamunda 2005/06 Annual Budget includes an amount of \$350,000 for the replacement of plant, which includes a scheduled net changeover cost for the 9 Tonne Two Way Tip Truck of \$69,000.

### **Comments**

6. None of the Tenders submitted fully comply with the specified requirements. In all cases the transmission for the Tendered vehicles has one less gear. In some cases, vehicles also do not comply with the wheelbase requirements. Accordingly, all Tenders are determined to be non-compliant.
7. Council's requirements will be reviewed, giving regard to standard features of available plant and operational requirements.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 8/2006

1. That no Tender be accepted for the Supply and Delivery of 9 Tonne Two Way Tip Truck (T0516) and fresh Tenders be called after the review of specifications.

Moved: (Cr D Sadler)

Seconded: (Cr Tonkin)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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9. Tender for the Supply & Delivery of Dual Cab Tip Truck (3-4 Tonne)  
(TEN/TO515) (Engineering Services)  
Refer Item:  
Applicant:  
Owner:

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider awarding the Tender for the Supply and Delivery of Dual Cab Tip Truck.

### **Background**

2. The Tender for the Supply and Delivery of a Dual Cab Tip Truck, T0515, included in the Shire's plant replacement budget allocation, closed on 19 December 2005.
3. The Tender called for the supply and delivery of a Dual Cab Tip Truck and the trade-in of existing Dual Cab Tip Truck.
4. Six (6) Tenders were received, which include two Tenders for the purchase only of the existing truck. A summary of the suppliers, specifications and proposed changeover costs are included at ([Attachment 1.](#))
5. The Shire of Kalamunda 2005/06 Annual Budget includes an amount of \$350,000 for the replacement of plant, which includes a scheduled net changeover cost for the Dual Cab Tip Truck of \$46,000.

### **Comments**

6. The lowest net changeover price, of \$36,896.37, is for a 'Mitsubishi Canter 3.5T FE84 Dual Cab' supplied by Skippers Mitsubishi. The second lowest tendered net changeover price, of \$38,896.37, for FE85 Dual Cab Tip Truck was also supplied by Skipper Mitsubishi.
7. The tendered vehicle with the lowest net changeover cost, being the Mitsubishi Canter FE84, varied from the specifications, being marginally under the required wheelbase length and is therefore non-conforming.
8. The Shire's fleet already includes a number of Mitsubishi vehicles, which it operates without any problems.
9. It is recommended that Council accept the most advantageous conforming Tender, which is the second lowest net changeover price, for the Tender, T0515, for the Supply and Delivery of Dual Cab Tip Truck (3-4 Tonne), being the Mitsubishi Canter FE85 Dual Cab Tip Truck (4 Tonne), at net changeover price of \$38,896.37 (Ex GST).

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 9/2006

1. That in accordance with the details shown at (Attachment 1.), the Tender, T0515, for the Supply and Delivery of Dual Cab Tip Truck (3-4 Tonne), submitted by Skipper Mitsubishi, for the Mitsubishi Canter FE85 Dual Cab Truck (4 Tonne), with a net changeover price of \$38,896.37 (EX GST), be accepted.

Moved: (Cr Cresswell)

Seconded: (Cr Casey)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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## 10. Cell 9 Wattle Grove – Review of Cell Infrastructure Contributions

(PG-DEV-013) (Engineering Services)

Refer Item:

Applicant:

Owner:

### Purpose of Report

1. To adopt a Cell Infrastructure Contribution rate, to apply from 21 March 2006.

### Background

2. The provisions for the development of Cell 9 Wattle Grove, within the Shire of Kalamunda District Planning Scheme No 2, require that new estimates be prepared at least annually, to permit the determination of Cell Infrastructure Contributions to be paid by developers.
3. Due to rapidly increasing land costs, at its Ordinary Meeting held in October 2003, Council resolved to review the costs every six months.
4. The Council adopted the Outline Development Plan Outline Development Plan for Cell 9, Wattle Grove in September 2000, with Cell Infrastructure Contributions of \$6,700 per potential dwelling. Subsequent reviews have amended the Contribution rate as below:

Date Amended	New Rate
1/11/2001	\$7,100
1/11/2002	\$8,100
1/11/2003	\$10,000
1/10/2004	\$12,550
19/7/2005	\$13,550

### Comments

5. The sixth review has now been completed. Over the past six months, a number of issues have impacted on the Cell Infrastructure Contributions. These are detailed below.
6. Number of Dwellings Units  
All lots remaining to be subdivided have been reviewed having regard to the size of new lots created to date, and alterations to the Outline Development Plan, It is now estimated that the total yield for Cell 9 will be 1842 dwelling units, of which 653 have already been created. The anticipated and actual yields are shown at ([Attachment 1.](#))
7. Land Valuations  
A large portion of Cell Infrastructure Contributions is for the purchase of Land for Public Open Space, the School site and road reserves. In May 2005 it was estimated that \$12,781,500 would be required to purchase the remaining land.
8. Christie Whyte Moore undertook a revaluation, in January 2006, of the land that remains to be acquired. The revaluation took into account the englobo prices of recent sales within Cell 9 and price movements in the wider area.
9. To date in 2005/06 the Scheme has purchased the following Public Open Space:

Lot 53 St John Road	\$110,000
Lot 55 Arthur Road	\$645,000

10. The land purchases to date are shown at [\(Attachment 2\)](#). It is now estimated that \$13,622,100 will be required to purchase the remaining land.
11. Contributions  
Since July 2005, Cell 9 has received Cell Infrastructure Contributions amounting to \$555,550 with 41 lots being created. The total contributions received to date are shown at [\(Attachment 1\)](#). A contribution of \$98,800 remains in dispute. As previously recorded, this amount has been included as income.
12. Cell Infrastructure Works  
Since August 2005 an amount of \$603,021 was paid for the construction of works. Payments made to date for the construction of works are shown at [\(Attachment 3\)](#).
13. A review has been conducted of all outstanding Cell Infrastructure Works and the estimated cost for their construction is \$5,982,400. This compares with \$6,099,200 estimated in July 2005.
14. Cell Management  
Since August 2005 an amount of \$8,120 was paid for Cell Management. Payments to date for Cell Management are shown on [\(Attachment 3\)](#).
15. Cell infrastructure Contributions  
The status of Cell Infrastructure Costs is as follows:

Cell Infrastructure Costs	Actual to 25/01/06	Predicted	Total
Management & Administration	\$ 320,761.69	\$ 316,200.00	\$ 636,961.69
Land Purchases	\$2,809,855.00	\$13,622,100.00	\$16,431,955.00
Drainage, Roads & Services	\$1,412,514.89	\$ 5,982,400.00	\$ 7,394,914.89
	\$4,543,131.58	\$19,920,700.00	\$24,463,831.58

16. It is not expected that any contributions will be received before the adoption of the new rate. The scheme currently has a cash balance of \$1,401,005. The remainder of the Cell Infrastructure Costs will need to be contributed by the 1,189 potential dwelling units, yet to be developed, which will result in a Cell Infrastructure Contribution rate of \$15,500 (rounded to the nearest \$50) per dwelling unit. Calculations for the contribution rate appear at [\(Attachment 4\)](#)
17. **Councillors discussed at length the possibility of carrying out more frequent indexing of Infrastructure Contributions, so as not to disadvantage the remaining owners of land yet to be developed.**

RECOMMENDATION GS

GS 10/2006

1. That the revised Cell 9 Infrastructure Contribution of \$15,500 plus GST, per potential dwelling, be adopted, commencing 1 March 2006.

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**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL      GS      10/2006**

1. That the revised Cell 9 Infrastructure Contribution of \$15,500 plus GST, per potential dwelling, be adopted, commencing 1 March 2006.
2. **That the possibility of indexing the contribution costs on a monthly basis be investigated prior to the next review.**

Moved: (Cr Taylor)

Seconded: (Cr Morton)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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11. Bulk Kerbside Collection Service (BKC)  
(HE-RLW-008) (Community Services)

Refer Item:

Applicant:

Owner:

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To advise of options to dispose and process collected greenwaste from Councils Bulk Kerbside Collection (BKC) service.

### **Background**

2. To date the collected greenwaste from the BKC has been taken to and processed by EMCAS Pty Ltd located in Kalamunda Road. Unfortunately these premises closed at the end of November 2005, and it appears unlikely to reopen. The principal, Irwin White has passed away. Westralia Airports Corporation has taken control of the site, and advise that it will be some months before a decision is made as to what will happen.
3. The current three (3) year BKC contract commenced on 1 July 2004. There are three (3) collections remaining. The next collection is due to commence on 6 March 2006.
4. The contract states in SCHEDULE 5 - DETAILS OF TENDER SUBMISSION that the collected greenwaste is to go to a "Council nominated site".
5. SCHEDULE 4 - SCHEDULE OF RATES – states in part "collecting unlimited amount of greenwaste including verge trees, transporting to an approved shredding facility and shredding at contractors cost"
6. ML & RD Graham Pty Ltd trading as Kwinana Recycling Service (KRS), has submitted several options. Some of these options may have financial implications for Council.

### **Comments**

7. Option 1 - Dawson Ave
  - The contractor proposes to run this shredding operation themselves, subject to the availability of equipment.
  - No financial implications for Council.
  - A former Landfill site that Engineering Services use for greenwaste shredding and storage.
  - Approval would be required form the DoE as would exceed 500 Tonne per year.
  - Would be up to twelve (12) truck movements into the site per day.
  - Operating time between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm Monday to Saturday.

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8. Option 2 - Lawnbrook Road
    - The contractor proposes to run this shredding operation themselves, subject to the availability of equipment.
    - No financial implications for Council
    - This is a former Landfill site and is currently used by Engineering services for disposal of spoil. Would require shared use.
    - This site is currently approved for waste purposes and we would need to notify the DoE of our plans.
    - Would involve up to twelve (12) truck movements per day
    - Operating time between 7:00Am and 6:00PM Monday to Saturday
  9. Option 3 - Brand Road.
    - Not considered suitable
  10. Option 4 - Red Hill Landfill Site
    - Disposal costs \$23 + GST
    - KRS advise that this option would loose approximately 40-50% production time daily and would require an additional two (2) trucks to keep within specified times and cost an additional \$48 Tonne.
  11. Option 5 - Purearth Bayswater
    - Processing cost \$32, however is prepared to negotiate.
    - Extra trucks required as per option 4.
    - Premises licensed by DoE
  12. Option 6 - Canning Vale Landfill Site
    - Processing cost is \$35 Tonne.
    - Extra trucks required as per option 4.
  13. Option 7 - Resource Recyclers Kelvin Road
    - Processing cost is \$45 Tonne.
  14. Other sites considered, but not available
    - The former City of Gosnells Kelvin Road site and the EMRC land in Hazelmere.
  15. Dawson Ave site is large and would easily accommodate this extra activity. The proposal is to chip and age the material. Resulting in a value added product available for sale. KRS propose to provide all equipment, provided availability of such equipment, with no added cost to Council. The aged material would be stockpiled until sold.

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16. Lawnbrook Road site would require dual access by KRS and Council. Given the relatively small site this will result in operational difficulties for both KRS and Council. There are few houses in close proximity to this site. There is no security fencing.
  17. Redhill landfill operates until 4PM. This in conjunction with the additional distance would cause considerable delays unless extra trucks are used.
  18. The proprietor of Purearth is keen to be involved and is currently talking with KRS. The processing costs of \$28 tonne are significantly higher than Redhill (\$23 Tonne).
  19. KRS are of the opinion that any extra cost associated with processing and disposing of the greenwaste will be carried by Council. This view is not supported, however it is in Councils interest to resolve this matter quickly and in a satisfactory manner to both parties so that a smooth transition is made with minimal disruption to residents.
  20. The contract requires that the greenwaste is transported to as 'Council Nominated Site'. After due consideration of the above options and comments listed below it is recommended that the following three (3) sites be listed as Council Nominated Sites:
  21. Dawson Ave site :
    - Suitable location and size.
    - That it is effectively screened and secured.
    - That currently a similar albeit smaller scale operation is already in place.
    - Given Councils position on recycling it would be good to age this material resulted in a more usable product for sale.
    - There is room to stockpile unshredded material should the need arise.
    - Requires approval from the DoE.
    - Potential concerns by residents.
    - KRS responsible for all costs associated with the processing and disposal of collected greenwaste as required by the contract.
    - No financial implications for Council.
  22. Lawnbrook Road
    - Size will limit scale of operation.
    - Potential for problems between KRS and Council operations.
    - Remote location with few houses in close proximity.
    - Unsecured and effectively screened site.
    - Currently used by Engineering Services to stockpile construction waste.
    - Requires DOE approval.
    - Potential concerns by residents.

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- KRS responsible for all costs associated with the processing and disposal of collected greenwaste as required by the contract.
  - No financial implications for Council.
23. Redhill Waste Management Facility
- Site approved by DoE.
  - Distance will result in KRS requiring additional vehicles to fulfil contractual requirements in regard to time.
  - KRS would seek an above contract payment of \$48 per tonne of collected green waste.
  - Need to comply with greenwaste size requirements.
  - KRS responsible for all costs associated with the processing and disposal of collected greenwaste as required by the contract.
  - Likely to result in a contractual dispute.
24. **Councillors discussed the possible removal of the Lawnbrook Road site, due to the noise which may be generated by the mulching of the green waste. It was agreed that the three sites will remain on the nomination list, which is to be presented to the Contractor.**

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 11/2006

1. For the purpose of the Bulk Kerbside Collection Service contract with Kwinana Recycling Service that the following three (3) sites be listed as Council Nominated Sites for the processing of collected greenwaste from Councils bulk kerbside collection service.
- a. Dawson Ave Forreestfield site
  - b. Lawnbrook Road Walliston Site
  - c. Redhill Waste Management Facility Red Hill

Moved: (Cr Taylor)

Seconded: (Cr D Sadler)

**FOR:**

Cr Billich  
 Cr Tonkin  
 Cr D Sadler  
 Cr Morton  
 Cr Casey  
 Cr Cresswell  
 Cr Taylor  
 Cr N Sadler

**AGAINST:**

Cr Blair  
 Cr Winterhalder  
 Cr Giardina

**MOTION CARRIED**

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12. Kalamunda Community Theatre and Performing Arts Centre Management Committee – Nomination for Membership. (CO-CCS-001) (Community Services)

Refer Item: N/A

Applicant: Shire of Kalamunda

Owner: Shire of Kalamunda

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider a nomination for the appointment of a member to the Kalamunda Community Theatre and Performing Arts Centre Management Committee.

### **Background**

2. Chris Hewitt has nominated to represent the Volunteer Technical Advisors on the Kalamunda Community Theatre and Performing Arts Centre Management Committee.
3. Rules and Guidelines for the Kalamunda Community Theatre and Performing Arts Centre Management Committee state that "The Management Committee shall consist of six (6) representatives, two (2) nominated by the Minister, two (2) nominated by Council and two (2) from the Community nominated by the Council".

### **Comments**

4. Chris Hewitt has been a volunteer technician at the Performing Arts Centre for many years.
5. Chris has a background in lighting design, set construction and event management and will be able to bring technical expertise to the Committee.
6. Chris will be a community representative on the Committee.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL GS 12/2006

1. That Council accepts Chris Hewitt's nomination for membership on the Kalamunda Community Theatre and Performing Arts Centre Management Committee.

Moved: (Cr Tonkin)

Seconded: (Cr Taylor)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ABSOLUTE MAJORITY**

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13. Used Tyre Strategy for Western Australia  
(HE-RLW-004) (Community Services)

Refer Item:

Applicant: Department of Environment (Waste Management Board)

Owner:

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider the draft Used Tyre Strategy for Western Australia as submitted by the Department of Environment (Waste Management Board).

### **Background**

2. The inappropriate and lack of suitable disposal methods for used tyres has being of concern for many years. A number of unsuccessful attempts have been made to resolve this problem. This strategy is attempting to deal with this issue in a sustainable way.
3. To encourage industry to be actively involved in tyre recycling it is proposed to apply a levy to all tyres sold. This proposal is linked to the National Tyres Product Stewardship Scheme, currently being developed, and is based upon making inappropriate disposal financially unattractive. While this strategy is State based it is linked to national strategies. The levy will be set nationally by the Department of the Environment and Heritage.
4. Portion of the levy will be made available to those industries who recycle used tyres, with the aim of establishing a sustainable local tyre recycling industry in Western Australia.

### **Comments**

5. Some of the key recommendations include:
  - i. Investigate and consider options on how to recover tyres from rural and remote locations.
  - ii. To develop standards for storage facilities for used tyres.
  - iii. Encourage the use of crumb rubber in road applications
  - iv. Reassess how tyres are managed at landfill sites, to allow for recovery of tyres now or in the future, and
  - v. Assist market development for tyre derived products by influencing procurement policy and practices.
6. Currently the disposal and recycling of used tyres is ineffective. There are serious concerns with the large number of used tyres stockpiled throughout the State. In the event of fire the potential impact on the environment would be significant. Any attempt to find a sustainable long term solution to effectively deal with used tyres produced within our state requires support.

7. The proposal is to place a levy on all tyres sold and that a portion of this levy will be available to companies involved in used tyre recycling. The levy is expected to be in the order of \$2 for a standard car wheel tyre. Consideration is being given to paying a bounty to encourage the collection of dumped used tyres from remote areas.
8. To ensure long term viable markets for recycled materials, legislative changes are being considered requiring Government agencies to use materials and goods containing a specified percentage of recyclable material. For example the Main Roads Department when sourcing materials for road construction or outsourcing construction works. This would cause a ripple effect to Local Government and onto private enterprise.
9. Concern is expressed as to whether the levy would raise sufficient funds in the short term to deal with the large number of used tyres currently located throughout the State unless the fund is topped up either by State or federal Government.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 13/2006

1. That the Department of Environment (Waste Management Board) be advised as follows;
  - i. that Council supports in principal the draft Used Tyre Strategy for Western Australia on the basis that the inappropriate disposal of used tyres is a community problem and this strategy addresses this issue in a sustainable way.
  - ii. Concern is expressed as to the whether the levy would raise sufficient funds in the short term to deal with the large number of used tyres currently located throughout the State unless the fund is topped up either by the State or Federal Government.
  - iii. That to help encourage the collection of illegally dumped tyres, the proposed rebates include a bounty to be payable for the collection and return of used tyres to an approved recycler, from all areas.
  - iv. That Government agencies be encouraged to lead by example by purchasing and using materials containing a specified percentage of recyclables.

Moved: (Cr Blair)

Seconded: (Cr Taylor)

**FOR:**

Cr Billich  
Cr Giardina  
Cr Tonkin  
Cr D Sadler  
Cr Morton  
Cr Casey  
Cr Cresswell  
Cr Taylor  
Cr Blair  
Cr N Sadler

**AGAINST:**

Cr Winterhalder

**MOTION CARRIED**

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14. Waste Management Board - Discussion Paper  
(HE-RLW-004) (Community Services)

Refer Item:

Applicant: Waste Management Board

Owner:

### **Purpose of Report**

1. To consider and provide comment on the two (2) discussion papers submitted by the Waste Management Board (WMB) titled 'A Discussion Paper on the Landfill Levy and the Programs it Funds' and the second 'A Discussion Paper on Re-investing the Landfill Levy Funds into Zero Waste Incentive Schemes'.

### **Background**

2. In 2005 advice was received from the WMB that the current Resource Recovery Rebate Scheme (RRRS) would cease by 1 July 2006 and that a new scheme would be implemented following consultation with Local Government and other stakeholders. These discussion papers are part of this consultation.
3. For several years the WMB has levied a rate of \$3 per tonne on all putrescible waste disposed of at approved landfill sites. A portion of this levy is currently used to fund the RRRS. The WMB indicated that the levy would increase in 06/07. The discussion papers suggest initially that the Levy will increase from the current \$3 per tonne to \$6 Tonne for the year 06/07, with subsequent significant annual increases.
4. The two papers are similar in content, with areas of overlap. This report will consider the two papers as one.

### **Comments**

5. The WMB has a vision of zero waste in Western Australia. The papers look at funding the means to achieve this by increasing the levy initially at a low rate (\$3) then at an increasing rate over subsequent years.
6. The aim is for the levy to be high enough to:
  - see that the landfill pricing reflects the full environmental cost of landfilling
  - discourage landfilling and to encourage resource recovery and waste avoidance; and
  - provide funds to enable the operation of the programs required to achieve the Zero Waste vision.
7. The view is held that as the disposal cost per tonne to landfill rises, that resource recovery and waste minimization will increase. It is suggested that the annual increase to residents by way of an increase in rubbish charges will partially be offset by the reduction in the tonnes to landfill.

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8. The WMB propose to offer six schemes to support waste reduction and resource recovery;
- A. Strategic Waste Initiative Schemes (SWIS)**
- An existing scheme for non recurrent programs at discretion of WMB. Subject to the organisation having a Zero Waste Plan. May be applicable to EMRC.
- B. Community Grants Scheme**
- An existing scheme where community based organisations seek a small grant (up to \$10,000) to support a community level waste reduction or recovery activity.
- C. Waste Avoidance Incentive Scheme (WAIS)**
- Available to organisations implementing measures or actions to reduce the amount of waste generated. Includes education, less or reusable packaging or research that leads to producing products/services that reduce the generation of waste. Only intended for organisations that will make a significant contribution. May be applicable to EMRC and Cleanaway.
- D. Recycled-Content Product Purchasing Rebate Scheme (R-CPPRS)**
- Available to purchasers of recycled content products. With the aim of allowing producers of recyclable-content products to establish markets and be more competitive. Proposal is for \$0.5M to be available in first year. The Nylex bins that Council purchases contain up to 40% recyclable material. No details are given to how the rebate will operate. It should be noted that \$0.5M is the state wide allocation.
- E. Resource Recovery Incentive Scheme (RRIS)**
- Available to organisations that achieve high levels of resource recovery from waste streams. Looking at new activity and high performance. It will not provide ongoing subsidies for existing activities. Four options for payment have been considered;
- Option 1. Baseline figure for each Council is set based upon previous 12 months and you need to exceed that figure by a set amount, (eg 5%) to be eligible
- Option 2. Similar to option 1 but rather than a combined total figure, each recyclable category is considered separately
- Option 3. Similar to Option 1 however baseline figure is an average for all Council/commercial collectors, based on each recyclable average
- Option 4. Based on a benchmarked recovery rate (kg/dwelling/week) currently being achieved by at least 60% of Local Government collectors. A similar scheme would apply to commercial collectors.
9. All options would include audits both of the waste stream and recyclables funded by the WMB.

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10. The RRIS would replace the RRRS. However to be eligible the amount and quality of recyclables collected need to be increasing annually at a specified rate. It is likely that not all Councils will meet the criteria to be eligible. The recycling service offered needs to be continually improving and this improvement needs to be measurable.
  11. For this proposal to be effective the level of 'incentive' needs to be high enough to make it viable to implement changes/ practices that will result in changed behaviours leading to an increase in participation by way of greater volume and improved quality. Recycling has been undertaken by local government for many years and the Shire of Kalamunda's recent experience suggests that the participation rate and volume of recyclables collected per property is relatively constant.
  12. EMRC are currently consulting with community members and other stakeholders in considering the direction that the region should take for its future waste disposal needs. Once this process is finalised there will be a recommendation as to how the future needs of the EMRC member Councils waste disposal requirements will be met. Council currently pays \$14 tonne on all waste disposed of at Red Hill into a reserve to fund future waste disposal needs. The final recommendation by EMRC may be covered by the above mentioned SWIS.
  13. With regard to the RRIS it is recommended that option 1 is preferred as this will provide a more equitable way to enable each Council to be able to access this scheme. An incentive, increasingly annually, initially in the order of the current RRRS would drive the push to continuously improve the service, in terms of quality and quantity. This should be benchmarked to an average of what currently happens across all Councils within the metro area, with a view to rewarding Councils who perform above average and still show continual improvement. This scheme should be available to all Councils who are actively involved in recycling and other industrial collectors who collect other than household waste. There should be documented evidence that the recycled materials are used, although this may be difficult where collected recyclables are exported for processing.
  14. With the current waste disposal options and cost of advanced waste disposal systems, it is difficult to visualise how a zero waste to landfill situation can be realistically achieved. It is noted that there are alternative forms of treatment however these are of considerable cost and in some cases the end product is not readily usable. The issue for Local Government is that the cost of disposal is likely to dramatically rise in the next decade resulting in a situation where as well as passing on the extra cost to ratepayers, significant new measures will be required to treat waste that is currently landfilled. It is expected that shortly EMRC will conclude their considerations and present one or more options to member Councils as to their recommended long term solutions.
  15. The question needs to be asked as to what is the responsibility and role of both the Federal & State Government with regard to waste disposal. Why is it solely a local government problem and cost? EMRC and Council recognised the need to fund future waste disposal needs and started a voluntary levy some years ago, which is currently \$14 tonne. An initial increase of \$3 per tonne for the levy is supported. However, an increasing annual rise is not supported.
  16. The issue of ensuring sustainable markets for recyclables requires Government input. The Government should lead by example and require their departments to use products comprising a specified percentage of recycled materials, including green waste, construction waste and paper. Council could also adopt this approach albeit on a smaller scale.

## COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

GS 14/2006

1. That Council advise the Waste Management Board as follows;
  - i. That the vision for zero waste to landfill is supported in principal. However it is the view of Council that in co-operation with the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council that measures are already in place to help realise this vision.
  - ii. It is conditionally supported that the Landfill Levy will need to fund the proposed projects to achieve zero waste to landfill. Currently the Eastern Metropolitan Regional Council is in the process of considering its long term refuse disposal needs for all member Councils.
  - iii. Support is given to increase the levy from \$3 per tonne to \$6 per tonne, provided these funds are used solely for programs and direct administrative costs to achieve the stated vision. Support is not given to significant annual increases.
  - iv. Option 1 is the preferred method for the Resource Recovery Incentive Scheme, and that in addition to continuous improvement, Local Governments who also perform well when benchmarked against other Local Governments should be rewarded.
  - v. Concern is expressed about the long term viable markets for all material that is collected and processed, and how to ensure that such processed goods are of equal quality to materials produced without a recycling content, notwithstanding the above mentioned schemes.
  - vi. Both Federal and State Government should be encouraged to lead by example and require that goods and materials purchased by their departments be encouraged to meet a specified percentage component of recycled material.
  - vii. Council believes that in order to meet the zero waste to landfill vision that both Federal and State Governments will need to be encouraged to be more actively and financially involved in dealing with this issue that affects all community members.

Moved: (Cr Casey)

Seconded: (Cr Taylor)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

10.0 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS WITHOUT NOTICE

10.1 Nil

11.0 URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE PERSON PRESIDING OR BY DECISION

11.1 Nil

12.0 MATTERS BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

12.1 That Council go behind closed doors to discuss Confidential Item.

Moved: (Cr Bilich)

Seconded: (Cr Morton)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

*Reason for confidentiality. Local Government Act s.5.23 (2) (c). A contract entered into, or which may be entered into, by the local government and which relates to a matter to be discussed at the meeting.*

12.2 **Compensation Claim – Land Acquisition Maida Vale Road, Maida Vale**

Moved: (Cr Giardina)

Seconded: (Cr D Sadler)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

12.3 That Council return from behind closed doors.

Moved: (Cr Taylor)

Seconded: (Cr Casey)

**CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

13.0 CLOSURE

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8:13 pm.

I confirm these Minutes to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this Council.

Signed ..... Chairman

Dated this .....day of .....2006